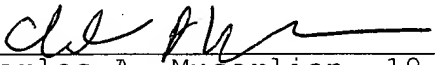


Applicants request reconsideration of the application
in view of the remarks presented in the amendment of December 18,
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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Claim 1 (twice amended) A method for the prevention of gastric ulcers prior to the occurrence of gastric ulcer conditions in a [mammal] horse comprising administering to a horse in need thereof an effective amount of a proton pump inhibitor to the [mammal] horse to prevent gastric ulcers.

Claim 3 (amended) The method of claim [1] 21 wherein the mammal is a horse, dog or human.

Claim 12 (twice amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administering is at least during an entire period when the [mammal] horse is or is suspected to be under conditions which [may be] are stressful or which [may] increase the risk of formation of ulcers.

Claim 15 (amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the effective dose is about 50% of usual the for the treatment of ulcers in [the mammal] a horse.

Claim 19 (twice amended) The method of claim 17 wherein [the mammal is a horse and] the formulation is a pharmaceutical composition for oral administration comprising a proton pump

inhibitor, a thickening agent, a basic agent, and a hydrophobic, oily liquid vehicle.